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1. KHANE GAVE US HOUR-LONG MEETING JUNE 6 FOLLOWING HIS LUNCHEON FOR SELECTED PERM REPS RE PROCEDURES FOR UNIDO'S CONVERSION TO SA (SEPTTEL). (SINCE THIS WAS KHANE'S LAST DAY IN OFFICE FOR SOME WEEKS AND APPOINTMENT REQUESTED BY US AT ELEVENTH HOUR, FACT THAT HE MADE TIME TO RECEIVE US DEMONSTRATIVE OF COOPERATIVE INTENT.)

2. WE GOT STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. RECALLING OUR INTERVENTIONS AT IDB-IX PLENARY RE FACTORS RELEVANT TO US DECISION WHETHER JOIN UNIDO AS A SA AND OUR CONCERN OVER DECLINING US REPRESENTATION IN UNIDO, WE INDICATED USG DESIRE THAT REPRESENTATION OF OUR NATIONALS IN SECRETARIAT BE INCREASED AT SUPERVISORY LEVELS AND ALSO OVERALL.

3. KHANE, MANIFESTING SYMPATHETIC DEMEANOR THROUGHOUT
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AND CHOOSING WORDS CAREFULLY, STATED HE AWARE OF OUR

CONCERN (WE HAD HAD EARLIER "WARM-UP" SESSION WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMIN, GEOFFREY HOLMES) AND AGREED OUR "LEGITIMATE" DESIRES SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHARE WITH WASHINGTON "REALITY" THAT GREATER LDC REPRESENTATION IN SECRETARIAT HAD BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE BE NECESSARY, AND THAT JAPAN, ITALY, GDR PRC, INTER ALIA, HAD LEGTIMATE COMPLAINT THAT THEY UNDER-REPRESENTED. (SO FAR AS WE KNOW, NIETHER GDR OR PRC HAVE TO DATE BID FOR REPRESENTATION.)

4. WITH EXCEPTION OF PRE-EMPTIVE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD DECIDED RECOMMEND ROTHBLUM (TO NY) FOR ONE-YEAR SUPERANNUATION EXTENSION (PARA 3, REF B) AND UNQUALIFIED ASSERTION HE WOULD INSURE US WOULD STAY WITHIN ITS DEFINED OVERALL RANGE OF GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION, KHANE PREDICATED ALL OF HIS UNDERTAKINGS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH "REORGANIZATION" HE WILL BE PROPOSING TO DAVIDSON LATER IN MONTH; SEVERAL OF HIS REMARKS INDICATED HE WILL BE SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FOR UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL D-2 AND D-1 POSTS. (KHANE WAS NOT PREPARED TO SHARE WITH US SPECIFICS OF HIS REORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDED SOME HINTS REPRODUCED BELOW.) HE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD UNDERTAKE NO NEW OUTSIDE RECRUITMENT PENDING GETTING GO-AHEAD FOR HIS REORGANIZATION (ALTHOUGH HE ENVISAGED FILLING SOME UNSPECIFIED PRESENT VACANCIES BY IN-HOUSE PROMOTION).

5. ON DIRECTORS, KHANE GAVE IMPRESSION HE PREPARED ENTERTAIN UP TO TWO AMERICANS AT D-2 LEVEL, BUT HE URGED US TO PERMIT HIM FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC POSTS AND FOR ACHIEVING EQUIVALENCY BY INCREASING US REPRESENTATION AT D-1 AND SECTION CHIEF LEVELS. AT ONE POINT KHANE SAID HE "NOW" PREPARED TAKE ON AMB. BURNS AT D-2 LEVEL IF HE STILL AVAILABLE, BUT THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE FOR DIRECTOR OF ADMIN POST BUT RATHER FOR "VERY RESPONSIBLE JOB IN HIS OFFICE." (WE NOTED THAT BURN'S NOMINATION HAD BEEN BASED ON HIS PARTICULAR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SPECIFIC POST FOR WHICH HE HAD BEEN NOMINATED, SO WE WERE NOT IN POSITION TO ENCOURAGE - OR DISCOURAGE - HIS CONSIDERATION FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEW, YET UNDEFINED POST.) AT ANOTHER POINT IN CONVERSATION, KHANE (IN CONTEXT OF HIS IDEAS FOR REORGANIZATION) SAID IF WE COULD GIVE HIM "GOOD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR" HE WOULD HAVE D-2 JOB FOR HIM OVERSEEING STUDIES AND RESEARCH; HE ADDED THIS WOULD ENTAIL OVERSEEING SUCCESSOR TO PRESENT IPP DIVISION, IMPLYING LE GUAY ON HIS WAY OUT.

6. SEEMINGLY CASTING COLD WATER ON GEOFFREY HOLMES' PROSPECTS FOR BECOMING TITULAR CHIEF OF ADMIN, KHANE VOLUNTEERED THAT DAVIDSON HAD "GIVEN HIM THE NAME OF A SWEDE" FOR THE POST.

7. KHANE EXPLAINED HE WOULD MOVE ROTHBLUM INTO HIS OWN OFFICE (HE HAD IMPLIED RECENTLY TO ROTHBLUM THAT LATTER WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH TA IMPLEMENTATION) AND THAT HE WOULD DISCONTINUE THE SECOND TCD DEPUTY DIRECTORSHIP. (IN ADDITION, HE IMPLIED INTENTION DO AWAY WITH TCD AS SEPARATE DIVISION ALTOGETHER.) KHANE VOLUNTEERED THAT IT WAS AT DEPUTY DIRECTOR LEVEL THAT HE FORESAW BEST ACCOMMODATING US DESIRES TO BE BETTER REPRESENTED IN COMMAND HIERARCHY. HE INDICATED IN PARTICULAR POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN AS ITD DEP DIRECTOR, SUGGESTING HE HAD IN MIND EXPANDING NUMBER OF DEPUTIES IN THAT DIVISION. AT ONE POINT HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THREE.

8. WHILE ON SUBJECT OF ITD WE INDICATED OUR GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESENT STATE OF REPRESENTATION IN THAT DIVISION AND SUGGESTED THAT US MIGHT BE SPECIALLY WELL-SUITED TO PROVIDE CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF OF FERTILIZERS SECTION WHEN THAT POST BECOMES VACANT. KHANE APPEARED TAKE NOTE THEREOF.

9. AS TIME WAS RUNNING OUT ON OUR APPOINTMENT, WE MANAGED MENTION EXISTING VACANCY IN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTIONS CHIEF OF SECTIONSHIP AND UPCOMING VACANCY AT SAME LEVEL IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT SECTION. REFERRING TO KHANE'S REMARK THAT HE PLANNED MAKE SOME IN-HOUSE PROMOTIONS, WE MENTIONED LASZLO BIRITZ, ACTING OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF FORMER SECTION, AND LOU FAORO AND JAMES DEE AS GOOD CANDIDATES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE VACANCIES. HE ASSURED US HE HAD TAKEN NOTE THEREOF. WE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO POST OF CHIEF OF INDUSTRIAL SURVEYS SECTION IN IPP DIVISION AS OF INTEREST TO US. ON AMIABLE NOTE THAT HE FOUND THE DISCUSSION USEFUL AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN GOOD TIME TO ALLOW IDENTIFICATION OF OUTSIDE CANDIDATES FOR VACANCIES TO WHICH HE MIGHT WISH APPOINT AMERICANS, HE DISENGAGED TO KEEP HIS NEXT APPOINTMENT.

10. WE HAVE THE FEELING THAT, WHILE KHANE WILL GIVE US REPRESENTATION FURTHER GENUINE CONSIDERATION, MUCH OF WHAT HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE WILL DEPEND ON EXTENT TO WHICH HE IS AUTHORIZED BY DAVIDSON AND WALDHEIM TO PROCEED WITH HIS REORGANIZATION AND THE ACQUISITION OF AT LEAST A FEW ADDITIONAL D-2/D-1 POSTS. HIS COMMENTS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT

TO GIVE US TWO D-2 POSTS IN PRESENT SET-UP AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT DURING HIS WASHINGTON (REF C) AND NEW
YORK VISITS HE RECEIVES REAFFIRMATION OF SERIOUSNESS WITH
WHICH WE REGARD STATE OF US REPRESENTATION, WHETHER OR NOT HE
GETS ADDITIONAL POSTS; IN THIS CONNECTION, TIME APPEARS TO
US RIGHT TO HAVE AT DAVIDSON, DRAWING ON THIS AND REFTELS.
IN SPEAKING WITH KHANE DIRECTLY, US OFFICIALS MIGHT IN
PARTICULAR PICK UP ON HIS SUGGESTION OF US-NATIONAL TO HEAD
UP PROPOSED SUCCESSOR DIVISION TO IPP. THIS COULD BE AN IM-
PORTANT SPOT IN THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDING INTELLECTUAL
BACKSTOPPING TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICING THE SYSTEM
OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS CALLED FOR BY LIMA.

11. WE SHALL BE INTERESTED IN PLAY-BACK ON KHANE'S VISITS
TO NY AND WASHINGTON, TOGETHER WITH SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS
FOR MISSION FOLLOW-UP. STIBRAVY UNQTESTIBRAVY

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